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## U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper

5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Tennessee  
1536 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515



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### Biography

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In January 2003, Jim Cooper was sworn-in to Congress to represent the citizens of Tennessee's 5th District, which includes most of Davidson, Wilson and Cheatham Counties. Jim is honored to have the opportunity to serve as his constituents' voice in Washington.

A champion of reforming health care, protecting seniors and veterans, streamlining government and instituting sound economic policy, Jim currently sits on the Budget Committee, the Armed Services Committee and the Government Reform Committee in the House of Representatives.

Prior to his current term of service, Jim was elected at age 28 as the youngest member of Congress up to that point and served Tennessee's 4<sup>th</sup> District for six terms from 1983 to 1995.

During his hiatus from public service, Jim worked as managing director of Equitable Securities, a Nashville-based investment bank, and then became a founding partner of Brentwood Capital Advisors, a firm that raised money for growing businesses in Tennessee. Meanwhile, he taught health care policy as Adjunct Professor at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management and served on various corporate and nonprofit boards, including the national Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Prior to Jim's first term in Congress, he practiced law at Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis in Nashville, having received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980. Jim earned his master's degree in politics and economics as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University after completing undergraduate studies as a Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

The son of the late Tennessee Governor Prentice Cooper and Mrs. Hortense Cooper, Jim was born in 1954 in Nashville and was raised in Shelbyville. He is married to the Martha Taylor, and they have three children: Mary (13), Jamie (12) and Hayes (7).

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## BIOGRAPHY

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**Born:** June 19, 1954 in Nashville, TN

**Education:**

BA in History & Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1975

- Co-Editor of the Daily Tar Heel
- Morehead Scholar

B.A./M.A. in Politics & Economics, Oxford University, Rhodes Scholar, 1977

JD, Harvard Law School, 1980

**Committees:** Budget, Armed Services and Government Reform

**Family:**

Wife: Martha

Children: Mary (13), Jamie (12), Hayes (7)

**History:**

Attorney; Waller, Lansden, Dortch, & Davis; Nashville, Tennessee, 1980-1982

Congressman for the 4th Congressional District, 1983-1995

- Served on the Energy & Commerce and Budget Committees
  - Small Business Subcommittee
- Special legislative focus was on health care, literacy and other rural concerns
- Provided leadership roles in major telecommunications, environmental and consumer legislation.

Managing Director, Equitable Securities, 1995-1999

- Nashville – based investment bank

Adjunct Professor, Owen School of Management; Vanderbilt University; 1995-2002

- Taught MBA and Executive MBA students health care policy

Founder and Partner; Brentwood Capital Advisors LLC; 1999-2002

- Sourced and raised funds for growing regional companies and businesses

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